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Dr. Nathan Wright
24 Rector Street
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Wright:

I am sorry that I had no chance to speak with you at the close of the recent Black Power Conference nor in the days immediately following. Shortly after the Conference's conclusion I left on vacation with my family and returned only this week.

As one of my first tasks upon returning to work, however, I want to compliment you on having organized and brought off a memorable and remarkably constructive conference. I cannot recall when I have felt my time was better spent at a national conference of this type, for you had gathered together a group of serious and dedicated "no-nonsense" type people. The spectrum of backgrounds was certainly unique in its variety and it was a great inspiration to me to see such disparate individuals discussing matters together. It was this sort of contest which I felt was most meaningful.

Naturally, with such varying points of view represented the potential for open conflict was great. The manner in which you succeeded in diffusing these situations was a testimony to your skill - especially the Saturday afternoon confrontation. I am certainly richer for having attended and I feel sure that the entire nation probably benefited in a way which it can never realize.

Here is hoping you can continue to build on this excellent beginning. You have my full support.

Very truly yours,

-s- Robert S. Browne
Robert S. Browne
Consultant

Statement by:

Walter W. H. Robinson
Minority Leader
Bermuda Colonial Parliament

The National Conference on Black Power was the most meaningful expression of the struggle of Black people for freedom from oppression that I have ever experienced.

I wish all of my Black brothers in Bermuda, particularly those from the professional classes, could have attended. It was a lesson on the need for all Black people to stand together for the fulfillment of their lives on terms dictated by themselves, and for the release of their bodies and minds from an oppression which has existed far too long.